

**The Sexual Assault Kit Initiative:
National Training and Technical Assistance
FY 2015 Competitive Grant Announcement
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

SAKI Funding:

1. How much funding is available to support SAKI?
 - A. BJA has set the award amount for each cooperative agreement awarded under the site-based program at a maximum of \$2 million per grantee (depending on the jurisdiction's need and justification for requested funds provided in the application), and currently projects that approximately 15 sites will receive funding through SAKI in FY 2015 (approximately \$30 million in total). This is subject to change dependent on available appropriations.
 - B. BJA has set the award amount for the training and technical assistance (TTA) cooperative agreement at up to \$6 million. This is subject to change dependent on available appropriations. BJA reserves the right to make more than one award for TTA if it is deemed necessary in order to ensure that the goals of the program are met.
 - C. The available funding listed in the solicitations is an estimate only and is subject to change. The total funding put toward these activities will not be final until all awards are made. A portion of all appropriated funding is used to cover costs associated with administering the programs. However, those costs are not final at this time and are subject to change.

SAKI TTS Solicitation FAQs:

2. What types of organizations are eligible to apply for the SAKI National TTA solicitation?

Eligible applicants are for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations (including tribal nonprofit or for-profit organizations), faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and consortiums with demonstrated experience providing national and local-level training and technical assistance.

3. What is the projected project period for the SAKI TTA cooperative agreement?

BJA is soliciting applications for a 36-month national TTA cooperative agreement.

4. What is the range of subject-matter expertise that will be required of the National SAKI TTA provider?

The selected TTA provider must demonstrate experience and capability to provide technical assistance on a range of health, forensic, investigative, prosecution, and victim services issues as they relate to crimes of sexual assault and unsubmitted SAKs. The applicant must also demonstrate capacity to deliver TTA services on a national basis. BJA recognizes that this breadth of expertise required by the solicitation is not likely to be currently housed within one particular applicant entity. Therefore, BJA will accept, and strongly encourages, applications based on partnerships among two or more entities that are collectively capable of meeting the broad expertise requirements outlined in the solicitation.

5. Are partnerships required? The scope of the program is extremely broad.

No. However, a partnership or consortium of two or more organizations in support of the TTA application is advisable if the lead applicant does not possess advanced subject-matter expertise in the fields of health, forensics, policing, prosecution, and victim services as they relate to crimes of sexual assault and unsubmitted SAKs. Given the complexity and diversity of the tasks associated with the SAKI, applicants are strongly urged to partner with other relevant providers so that comprehensive TTA resources are readily available to grantees and the field at large.

6. How many jurisdictions across the country will the TTA provider assist?

Jurisdictions that receive SAKI funding will receive priority assistance from the selected TTA provider. However, as resources allow, BJA would also like the TTA provider to assist non-grantee jurisdictions facing similar SAK-related issues.

7. How will SAKI sites request and receive training and technical assistance?

The selected TTA provider will develop uniform TTA request and response protocols for all active SAKI grantees as well as non-grantee agencies seeking assistance. They will also provide education and proactive, comprehensive, user-friendly TTA via teleconferencing, peer-to-peer consultations, onsite assistance, web-based assistance, and follow-up TTA as required by phone and/or e-mail. The TTA provider is also expected to assign at least one subject matter expert liaison to each SAKI grantee to monitor and report on existing TTA needs.